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In reading recent news events, I am quite disturbed by the proposed Microsoft Settlement. I was under the impression that the judicial system was put in place to punish wrong doers. It appears that Microsoft is being further rewarded for their monopolistic practices.

By "forcing" Microsoft to give money, computers, and software to schools, Microsoft's monopoly will only be further empowered. This punishment is nothing of the sort; Microsoft regularly donates much more than this punishment even implies. Its called Market Share. If you capture the education, market you capture the future market.

Please reconsider supporting this settlement. It will do nothing but make Microsoft that much more powerful. Please go back to the discussions and determine a proper punishment for a company that continues to abuse the people of America as well as the Free World!

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